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Special points of interest:

- NAPT Annual Conference & Trade Show
October 28-November 1, 2007 in Grand Rapids, MI
- State Board Meeting: June 13 -14, 2007

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Message from the Director: Changes to the Run Report

Since its creation, the run report its use has been a source of contention among everyone involved. The annual Student Transportation Run Report was designed in compliance with Administrative Rule (IDAPA 08.02.02.190 AND Standards For Idaho School Buses And Operations, page 74). An annual data-specific "run report," including but not limited to the number of riders and percent of occupancy shall be submitted by school districts to the Department of Education.

In an effort to stream-

line the process and incorporate information already obtained by each district, we are modifying the current run report into a more user-friendly document. The new run report will be completed using the highest daily run totals from each district's highest student count week. The information each district will be required to input will be limited to the number of actual riders for each run (non-public, non-student and ineligible students should not be counted) and the date on which the student counts were made. The district will also be required to en-

sure the count numbers are submitted for the correct bus number. The revised run report can be found on our Web site and used for the 2007 fiscal year report. Any district that has already submitted their run report will not be required to re-submit the new one.

Run report information will be used by SDE personnel when riding routes in an effort to determine a district's routing efficiencies and assist districts above the 103 percent funding cap to find ways to reduce transportation costs.

— Ray Merical

2007 Technician Workshop

The summer months are here and bus schedules are slowing down for summer vacations. The need to get some of the major maintenance repairs on our buses is a priority. To help aid and assist the

maintenance technicians in getting these maintenance projects completed, the State Department of Education's Annual Technician's Workshop will be presented at Boise State University's Applied Tech-

nology facility July 17-19, 2007. We are looking forward to this year's workshop and have a full schedule of classes for everyone to attend. These workshops will provide useful information for the

Technician Workshop (cont. from cover)



2006 Technician Workshop

technicians to take back to their districts. Class sizes will be between 25 and 30 attendants per class so that technicians have the opportunity to have one-on-one attention with the instructors.

Cummins Rocky Mountain will be on hand for information on fuel systems and tune-up procedures on new and old series engines, new emission standard's engine after treatment, and passive and active regeneration. Arvin Meritor will be presenting information on air brake systems in conjunction with Anti-

Lock Brake (ABS) systems and ABS for hydraulic systems. IC Corporation will be discussing multiplex wiring and the high-power hydraulic brake system. (Anyone that may have IC's high power-hydraulic system, I would strongly encourage that you attend this class). Caterpillar will be talking about their engines, new and old series, fuel systems and diagnostics, and new emission standards engine after treatment system.

Western Mountain Bus Sales will present information on techni-

cian's support trouble shooting, and parts and maintenance guides through Thomas Built Buses and Freightliner. Lammers Truck Center will discuss information about general maintenance for engine, transmissions and rear axle. Napa Auto Parts will be on hand for two classes: SKF will be talking about wheel bearings and seals and Trucklite will be presenting information on lighting and wiring issues with truck lamps.

— Doug Scott

School Bus Driver Training



2006 Driver Trainer Workshop

In response to districts that have problems providing the required amount of driver training, we are trying something new this year. We will be holding five regional driver training workshops to train both district driver trainers and drivers for those districts that need the assistance with their current training programs. Driver trainers will come away from the workshop with the tools needed to train their districts drivers and drivers will be taught the necessary skills needed to perform their driving duties.

This year's program will center on emergency evacuations for regular routes and field trips on conventional, transit and

special needs buses. The program will include both classroom and actual evacuation drills that all participants will be required to participate in to earn their certificates of completion. Instructors will be given the handouts and guides needed for training their own district's drivers along with their instructor's certificate. We are also negotiating with Cummins Engine to provide a short session on driver responsibilities in regards to school buses equipped with emission controls that meet the new 2008 federal guidelines. Dates for the workshops are as follows:

Region III: August 6, 2007 8-5 @ Boise State University.
Region V&VI: August 8, 2007

8-5 @ Blackfoot High School. *Region IV:* August 9, 2007 8-5 @ Burley King Fine Arts Aud. *Region I:* August 14, 2007 8-5 @ Cd'A - Lake City High *Region II:* August 16, 2007 8-5 @ Lewiston High School

Cost for this year's program is \$50.00 for driver trainers, which includes instructional materials and \$20.00 for drivers. Registration information may be found on our Web site at www.sde.state.id.us/registration/transport/drivertrain/. Depending on its success, this program may or may not be offered in the future.

— Ray Merical

Tech Workshop Agenda: July 17 - 19, 2007

Tuesday

There will be 4, four hour breakout sessions: 25 Tech's per class

I C Corp: Multiplex Wiring and High Power Hydraulic brake system

Arvin Meritor: Air Brake System and ABS brake systems

Cummins: B Series engine overhead run

Caterpillar: New engine emissions & diagnostics

8:00 - 9:55 Breakout sessions
9:55 - 10:05 Break
10:05 - 12:00 Continue Breakout sessions
12:00 - 1:00 Lunch (on your own)
1:00 - 2:55 Breakout sessions
2:55 - 3:05 Break
3:05 - 5:00 Continue Breakout sessions

Wednesday

There will be 4; four hour breakout sessions: 25 Tech's per class

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5:30 - 7:30 Picnic Julia Davis Park

Thursday

There will be 4; two hour breakout sessions: 25 Tech's per class

Western Mountain Bus: Online Tech. Support and Registration (Freightliner & Thomas)

Lammers Truck Center: General Maintenance, Engine, Transmission, and Rear Axle

Napa Auto Parts: (SKF)

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— Doug Scott

Picnic Info

The Wednesday evening picnic is for attendees only, and, however if you have been accompanied to Boise by a spouse or other family member and wish them to partake they may do so for the nominal cost of \$7.50 each. Menu will include the usual burgers, hot dogs, potato salad, beans, chips, sodas and dessert, and we may even throw in the buns and condiments. It will be held in the shelter next to the horseshoe pits, zoo and paddle boats at Julia Davis park right across the river from the BSU classrooms.

— Ray Merical



Vendor Show

We have received approval from BSU to hold a small vendor show Thursday afternoon to close out the workshops and are currently working on pulling that together.

— Ray Merical

SDE Annual Awards

The award for Supervisor of the Year will be awarded during the IAPT/SDE Summer Conference in Coeur d'Alene this year and the Spot Inspection of the Year award will be presented during the Technicians workshops.

— Ray Merical

Financial Workshop

SDE will not be providing regional workshops for transportation funding this year. After polling attendees at workshops last year it was decided that we should continue with them on a semi-annual basis. However, we have been asked to present at the Idaho School

Business Officials Association's annual conference at the Boise Doubletree Riverside Hotel being held on Thursday, June 28, 2007. The presentation will be a one-hour breakout session and Student Transportation Coordinator Brad Jensen will be representing SDE.

— Ray Merical

**"Idaho School
Business Officials
Association
annual
conference on
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Calendar of Events

June

- 13 - 14 State Board of Education Meeting
- 18 Final Cap Model
- 20 Assessment Fee Invoices
- 25 - 28 IAPT Student Trans. Conference
- 28 Idaho School Business Officials Association annual conference

July

- 15 Claim Payment
- 16 Children's Choice School Bus Driver of the Year Deadline
- 17 - 19 School Bus Tech. Workshop (Boise)
- 17 Run, Odometer, & Stop Arm Violations Reports Due
- 23 - 24 State Inst. Workshop
- 28 - 31 STN Conference (Reno)

As soon as you sit down to a cup of hot coffee, your boss will ask you to do something which will last until the coffee is cold.

— Owen's Law

Answers: The Nat'l School Bus Loading & Unloading Quiz From the March Newsletter

1. Nine States reported fatalities (Missouri, West Virginia, Virginia, New York, Alabama, Wisconsin, Pennsylvania and Texas)
2. Rear of Bus (7)
3. Other (7)
4. Six
5. Dropped object (2)
6. All three, Going to school (4), Activity trip (1), and Going home (8)
7. Getting off bus P.M. (6),

Walking/Running to Bus stop A.M. (5), Walking/Running from Bus stop P.M. (1)

8. Monday (3), Thursday (3), and Friday (3)

9. September (3) and December (3)

10. Daylight (9)

11. Clear (11)
Dry (11)

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